

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:345
ANSWERED ON:07.08.2002
USE OF RED CROSS EMBLEM
BAL KRISHNA CHAUHAN;RAGHURAJ SINGH SHAKYA

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Red Cross Society has expressed concern over the unauthorized use of its emblem by various Health Institutions, Doctors and Pharmacists;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have taken any stringent steps to ban use of this emblem other than Red Cross Society;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the number of cases reported for its misuse during the last three years; and
- (d) the measures taken to ensure its proper use?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.345 FOR ANSWER ON 07.08.2002

The Indian Red Cross Society has written to the Government regarding unauthorized use of the `Red Cross Emblem` by various institutions and individuals.

Since the issue requires widespread dissemination of information of provisions of the Geneva Convention 1949 and the Geneva Conventions Act 1960 as also awareness about the importance of the symbol, the Indian Red Cross Society is being directed to take up the matter with its State branches.